

REMARKS

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1, 4-7, 13 and 14 will be pending in the above-identified application.

Claims 1, 4-7, 13 and 14

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1, 4-7, 13 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over EP 997960 (EP '960). Each of the claims recites an electrolyte which contains a main nonaqueous solvent selected from the group consisting of ethylene carbonate, propylene carbonate, diethyl carbonate, methyl ethyl carbonate, and any mixture thereof. However, EP '960 fails to disclose or provide motivation for using an electrolyte containing a main nonaqueous solvent selected from the group consisting of ethylene carbonate, propylene carbonate, diethyl carbonate, methyl ethyl carbonate, and any mixture thereof. Because the reference does not disclose or suggest every feature of the claims, the rejection is improper. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

As the application is believed to be in condition for allowance, a favorable action and a Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

Applicants enclose a Credit Card payment form in the amount of \$1,020.00 for Extension of Time fee. Applicants believe there is no other fee due at this time. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-3140.

Respectfully submitted,

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